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Election of six members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Executive Board of the World Food Programme is composed of 36 members, elected from among the States Members of the United Nations and the States members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). In accordance with General Assembly resolution 65/266 and FAO Conference resolution 7/2011, the Economic and Social Council and the Council of FAO elect 18 members of the Executive Board each, according to the pattern set out in Assembly resolution 65/266.

2. The Economic and Social Council is to elect, at the coordination and management meetings to be held from 16 to 18 April 2018, six members of the Executive Board, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2019, to fill the vacancies that will occur on 31 December 2018 upon the expiration of the terms of the following members: Bangladesh, France, India, Liberia, New Zealand and Russian Federation.

3. The members are to be elected according to the following pattern:[1]

(a) One member from the States included in List A;

(b) Two members from the States included in List B;

(c) Two members from the States included in List D;

(d) One member from the States included in List E.

4. The 18 members of the Executive Board elected by the Economic and Social Council are listed in annex I to the present note. For the information of the Economic and Social Council, annex II lists the members of the Executive Board elected by the FAO Council. Annex III lists the States Members of the United Nations and the States members of FAO for election to the Executive Board.

[1] The members are elected from lists set out in the Basic Texts of the World Food Programme. The lists are reproduced in annex III to the present note.

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Annex I

Eighteen members elected by the Economic and Social Council to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

(Three-year term)

Membership in 2018

Four seats for States on List A

Egypt (2019), Lesotho (2020), Liberia* (2018), Sudan (2019)

Four seats for States on List B

Bangladesh* (2018), China (2020), India* (2018), Saudi Arabia (2019)

Two seats for States on List C

Colombia[1] (2019), Guatemala (2020)

Six seats for States on List D

France* (2018), Greece[2] (2019), Japan (2020), New Zealand*,[3] (2018), Norway[4] (2019), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2020)

Two seats for States on List E

Hungary (2020), Russian Federation* (2018)

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* Retiring member.

[1] Replaced Mexico as from 1 January 2018.

[2] Replaced Spain as from 1 January 2018.

[3] Replaced the Netherlands as from 1 January 2018.

[4] Replaced Finland as from 1 January 2018.

Annex II

Eighteen members elected by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

(Three-year term)

Membership in 2018[1]

Five seats for States on List A

Algeria (2020), Benin (2018), Congo (2019), Equatorial Guinea[2] (2020), Zimbabwe (2019)

Three seats for States on List B

Afghanistan (2018), Kuwait (2018), Pakistan (2019)

Three seats for States on List C

Argentina (2019), Brazil (2020), Peru (2018)

Six seats for States on List D

Belgium (2020), Canada (2019), Germany (2019), Ireland (2020), Switzerland (2018), United States of America (2018)

One seat for States on List E

Poland (2020)

[1] Further information on the members elected by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations is available from http://executiveboard.wfp.org/members-of-the-board.

[2] Equatorial Guinea is occupying the rotating seat. The rotating seat is to be occupied in accordance with the following arrangement: a State from List A to be elected to occupy the additional seat every other term, starting from 1 January 2012; a State from List B to be elected to occupy the additional seat every fourth term, starting from 1 January 2015; a State from List A to be elected to occupy the additional seat every other term, starting from 1 January 2018; a State from List C to be elected to occupy the additional seat every fourth term, starting from 1 January 2021.

Annex III

Lists of States Members of the United Nations and members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for election to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme[1]

1. Developing countries and territories

List A

Algeria
Angola
Benin
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cabo Verde
Cameroon
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Congo
Côte d'Ivoire
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Djibouti
Egypt
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Kenya
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritania
Mauritius
Morocco
Mozambique
Namibia
Niger
Nigeria
Rwanda
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Africa
Sudan
Swaziland
Togo
Tunisia
Uganda
United Republic of Tanzania
Zambia
Zimbabwe

List B

Group I

Afghanistan
Bahrain
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Lebanon
Oman
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Syrian Arab Republic
Tajikistan
Turkmenistan
United Arab Emirates
Uzbekistan
Yemen

[1] From appendix A to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme. In the event of a change in the membership of the United Nations or the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the appropriate change will be made by the secretariats of the United Nations and FAO, respectively, after the necessary consultations with Member States.

Group II

Bangladesh
Bhutan
Brunei Darussalam
Cambodia
China
Cook Islands
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Fiji
India
Indonesia
Kiribati
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Malaysia
Maldives
Marshall Islands
Micronesia (Federated States of)
Mongolia
Myanmar
Nauru
Nepal
Niue
Pakistan
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Republic of Korea
Samoa
Singapore
Solomon Islands
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Tonga
Tuvalu
Vanuatu
Viet Nam

List C

Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Bahamas
Barbados
Belize
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Suriname
Trinidad and Tobago
Uruguay
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

2. Economically developed countries

List D

Andorra
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Canada
Cyprus
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Iceland
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Japan
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Malta
Monaco
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Portugal
San Marino
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America

List E

Albania
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Czechia
Estonia
Georgia
Hungary
Latvia
Lithuania
Montenegro
Poland
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Ukraine